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**K**ER-sponsored rider Megan Jones crystallized her Olympic dream by being the highest placed rider on the Australian Eventing Team, leading the squad to an outstanding silver medal performance at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

A precisely ridden dressage test on the first day saw Megan and her mount Kirby Park Jester hold a very handy position in third place on a score of 35.40, just behind Ingrid Klimke of Germany and fellow Australian teammate Lucinda Fredericks. A fast and clear cross-country round allowed Megan to jump one place to hold second coming into the show jumping phase the following day. After the second day of competition, the scores of the top eight horse and rider combinations were extremely close with few points separating the riders. Because of an unfortunate rail in the show jumping, Megan and Jester dropped two places in the final standings to fourth individually but still held on to lead Australia to a team silver medal.


The story of Megan and Jester is a truly inspiring one. Megan bred the gray Irish Sport Horse gelding by Irish Enough and out of Kirby Park Yellow Empress at her family property located in Hanhdorf, South Australia. An important part of Jester's preparation was ensuring that he was in excellent body condition and properly hydrated for the humid conditions of Hong Kong. Jester's diet, both

while training and in competition, combines KER-formulated feed from Team Member Ridley AgriProducts with quality forage and electrolytes.

## DOUBLE BRONZE FOR GEORGIA BRUCE

KER-sponsored rider Georgia Bruce rode Carolyn Lieutenant's huge brown gelding Victory Salute (known as Sam to his friends) to bring home two bronze medals in the Grade IV individual competition at the Paralympic Games in Hong Kong.

Bruce, from Karanda in Queensland, has only been partnered with Sam for the past six weeks. Although they had only a short time together to become familiar with one another, their hard work has certainly paid off. Georgia rode expertly in the first section of the competition to take home the bronze medal in the individual test. Two nights later the pair convincingly backed up its previous performance, scoring an impressive 74.32% in the freestyle to again take the bronze, narrowly missing the silver and just 2% off the gold medal position.

Following on from the excitement of the Games, Georgia will be traveling home to Queensland prior to making the long trip to Melbourne. Georgia has been invited to participate in Equitana Asia Pacific, demonstrating clicker training with her liberty-trained Grand Prix horse Rumba. 



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KER-sponsored rider Megan Jones (left) earned a silver medal with her mount Kirby Park Jester.

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Georgia Bruce (above) took home two bronze medals in the Paralympic Games riding Victory Salute.